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E.O. 11652 N.A.

TAGS: ELAB, PINT, SP

SUBJECT: STRIKE IN BASQUE COUNTRY

1. A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PROTEST STRIKE BEGAN DECEMBER 2  
IN VIZCAYA PROVINCE OF SPAIN'S BASQUE REGION. THE  
PRINCIPAL GRIEVANCE IS APPARENTLY THE LAY-OFFS RECENTLY  
ORDERED BY MANY BASQUE FIRMS IN RESPONSE TO THE  
ECONOMIC SITUATION. IN ADDITION TO ENDING LAY-OFFS,  
THE STRIKE ORGANIZERS (LARGELY UNKNOWN, GROUPED INTO  
A "COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF ENTERPRISES IN CRISIS")  
REPORTEDLY DEMAND AID TO HARD-PRESSED SMALL BUSINESS,  
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A 35-HOUR WEEK (WITH 40 HOURS PAY) AND RETIREMENT AT  
AGE 58 IN THE AFFECTED INDUSTRIES (ALL THIS ALLEGEDLY TO  
INCREASE EMPLOYMENT). IN GENERAL, THE EXTREME LEFTIST  
SPLINTER UNIONS ARE CALLING FOR A TOTAL WORK STOPPAGE,  
WHILE THE LARGER UNIONS (COMMUNIST-DOMINATED SWC AND  
SOCIALIST UGT) SUPPORT ONLY A HEAVY-INDUSTRY STRIKE,  
AND THAT WITH SOME RELUCTANCE.

2. AMCONSULATE BILBAO REPORTS THAT THE STRIKE IN VIZCAYA IS QUITE EFFECTIVE IN HEAVY INDUSTRY, MUCH LESS SO IN RETAIL SHOPS, WHILE PUBLIC SERVICES (EXCEPT THE UNIVERSITIES, WHICH ARE ALL OBSERVING THE STRIKE) ARE MORE-OR-LESS NORMAL. MASS MEETINGS THAT WERE TO KEYNOTE THE DAY ARE A BUST THUS FAR: A FEW THOUSAND PEOPLE AT MOST, PROTESTING PEACEFULLY IN THE RAIN. STABLER

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